



*York County  
Early Childhood  
Educational Conference*

**DREAM BIG!**



**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

Dutchman Creek Middle School  
4757 Mount Gallant Road  
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732



To Our Professional Childcare Partners:

We look forward to hosting you once again for our annual York County Early Childhood Educational Conference on Saturday, March 25, 2017. We will be back at Dutchman Creek Middle School in Rock Hill on Mount Gallant Road, which has been a great location for us these past few years. We know that each of you is committed to helping the children in your class and child development center reach their potential. This stage in each child's life is critical to establishing a firm foundation to grow and develop and you hold the key to unlock that potential.

We take our theme this year from our Keynote Speaker's message to DREAM BIG! We are excited to have Roger Day with us for our Keynote Address and he will be offering follow up workshops in the morning and afternoon sessions. Many of you may have heard Roger previously. He has visited this area several times in recent years with the Library and with our Countdown to Kindergarten Celebration. He is high energy and his enthusiasm to engage with young children is contagious. His use of music to not only entertain children, but to involve their minds in learning new ideas will offer everyone practical tips for each classroom setting. It will be difficult to sit still when you are around Roger for any period of time.

We strive to make each Conference fresh and exciting for you and we hope that some of our new Workshops will peak your interest and passions in a different way. Here are just a few new Workshops to consider:

- ! We have several chefs coming from Johnson & Wales Culinary University in Charlotte to share their expertise in making snacks and meals healthier. This workshop will cover keeping the costs for healthy meals in check to how to engage the children in the process as a learning experience.
  
- ! We also have invited Cleo Scott Brown to join us to think more consciously about race and class. We all have hidden biases that we are not even aware of that shape our thinking; this workshop will help illuminate these hidden biases so we can consciously work to neutralize them as we work with the children in our classrooms.
  
- ! For those interested in the importance of Continuous Improvement in a Child Development setting, we have a workshop from a SC Pilot Rated License Program, Quality Counts, to discuss the critical need for us to strive to continuously improve the programs we offer our children. Continuous Improvement is not only beneficial to serving your children but is also critical to your business survival and growth.

We have a session at the Children's Museum again this year; and Dr. Norris Williams, Dutchman Creek Principal, will be discussing how to keep your parents involved. As you can see, we are offering great topics and presenters, offering workshops that you can implement in your center and classroom.

Thank you for the commitment that you make each day to make a difference in the lives of the children in your care. We are grateful for your continued support and participation in our Conference. Enjoy the Conference and be sure to use what you learn!

David W. Lisk, Sr.  
Executive Director  
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## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 25, 2017

7:00 am – 8:00 am

- ✚ Registration
- ✚ Continental Breakfast available in Cafeteria

8:00 am – 8:15 am

- ✚ Auditorium – WELCOME and Conference Information

8:15 am – 9:15 am

- ✚ Auditorium – Keynote Address by featured presenter, Roger Day

9:25 am – 11:25 am

- ✚ Session 1 – Training Room locations will be posted

11:30 am – 12:10 pm

- ✚ Lunch in the cafeteria

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

- ✚ Session 2 – Training Room locations will be posted



## Meet Our Keynote Speaker



### Roger Day

Children's Musical Performer \* Motivational Speaker \* Writer

Please join us for Roger Day's fun, inspirational keynote using music, movement, and imagination to inspire good teachers to be great teachers; and great teachers to be superstars! Our job as professional educators is to use our expertise, our enthusiasm, our passion – and yes our voices! – to guide and encourage our students to be the best they can be; to unlock their potential and to always Dream Big!

Roger Day writes and performs award-winning children's music that tickles the imagination with infectious tunes and rhythms and inspiring characters. Day has been writing and performing his smart, interactive music for families for over 15 years. His music has been featured on Radio Disney, XM Radio and Public Television. He is a two-time Parents' Choice Gold Award winner and a Dove Family Approved Artist.

Roger Day's concerts are action-filled adventures that exercise both mind AND muscle; both body AND brain. Day keeps his young audiences involved and captivated. These fun concerts inspire each child to discover his and her own talents, give flight to the imagination: to DREAM BIG! And GET YOUR BRAIN IN GEAR! and now in his newest concert, to be INVINCIBLE!

Roger is a life-long learner in the best liberal arts tradition. A 1985 graduate of Washington & Lee University, he earned a B.A. in German with *Magna Cum Laude* honors while also studying Voice and Music Composition. During his undergraduate years, Roger took advantage of two study abroad programs at the prestigious Oxford University in England and at the University of Bayreuth in Germany. Roger's eclectic undergraduate education allows him to take complex subjects as varied as the brain or an ecosystem and make them simple and understandable – not to mention really, really fun! – for preschool and elementary-aged students alike.



## **REGISTRATION**

In order for us to process your registration, you must comply with the following instructions.

Registrations must be received no later than **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

- ✚ **Complete one form for each person registering.** You may duplicate this form.
- ✚ \*Registration fee requirement below.
- ✚ Send your completed forms and payment to:

Mail:	Bring by:
York County First Steps	York County First Steps offices
PO Box 969	410 E. Black Street
Rock Hill, SC 29731	Rock Hill, SC 29730

- ✚ Please call [803-981-5780](tel:803-981-5780) if you have questions about the registration process.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$25.00 per participate (includes 5 certified training hours, continental breakfast, lunch, a souvenir to remember an incredible training, and professional trainers with years of early childhood experience to share).

**PLEASE NOTE:** DSS awards the credit hours through The Center for Child Care Career Development. They state that anyone arriving any later than 10 minutes after the training starts cannot receive credit. Therefore, participants registering after 8:10 am on March 25<sup>th</sup> will not receive credit for the keynote address. They will be able to attend the workshops they have registered for and will receive the 2 hours certified training hours per workshop attended. Regardless of late arrival or early departure, the \$25.00 registration fee is non-refundable.





REGISTRATION FORM
Registration ends March 21, 2017

Complete one form for each participant registering. You may duplicate form.
Please print clearly.

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Center, Family Home, or Agency's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Center's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Center's Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title/Age Level \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's how many children are in your classroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Directors, Asst. Directors, Owners, and Floaters, how many children are in the entire child care facility?

\_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$25.00

Make Checks Payable to: York County First Steps - Registration fee is Non-Refundable (We cannot accept debit/credit cards.)

PLEASE NOTE: After attending the opening session, keynote address, and the two workshop sessions, each participant will receive 5 (five) DSS credit workshop hours.

PLEASE NOTE: Classes are limited; if all of your selections are filled alternative classes will be given. Every effort will be made to put you in your first two choices; however, classes are limited to 30 participants. There are two sessions, please list six different choices to help us give you at least two of your selections. (Please put workshop # from workshop selection list)

Saturday, March 25, 2017 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_ 5th \_\_\_\_\_ 6th \_\_\_\_\_

Continental Breakfast and lunch will be provided

Lunch Selections (please choose one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Wrap

\_\_\_\_\_ Ham Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Chef Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Salad

T-Shirt Size: ( ) Small ( ) Medium ( ) Large ( ) XL ( ) XXL ( ) XXXL

### WORKSHOP SELECTION LIST

WS #	Workshop Title	Presenter		Session
1	Think About What You Just Thought: Thinking Consciously About Race and Class (Professional Development)	Cleo Scott Brown	Scott Brown Group LLC d/b/a History Matters Institute	1 & 2
2	Quality Counts: The Importance of Continuous Improvement in Child Care	Tammy Compton	Spartanburg County First Steps-Quality Counts	1 & 2
3	Books Galore 2017	Dina Grant	York County Library	1 & 2
4	A School Day in the Life of a Kindergartener	Lynn Hayes Tracy Lee	Rock Hill School District Three	1 & 2
5	My Sky Tonight: Engaging Early Learners in Astronomy	Carole Holmberg Angela Purcell	Museum of York County	1
6	The SC Early Intervention: Support for Children 0-3 with Developmental Delays and Disabilities	Crystal Boyd	BabyNet	1 & 2
7	Providing the FEEDBACK That Will Keep Your Parents Coming Back!!!	Dr. Norris L. Williams	Rock Hill School District Three	1 & 2
8	Developing Language Through Play	Patti Myers	Clover School District Two	1 & 2
9	Healthy Fruit & Vegetable Snacks-Quick and Healthy Baked Snacks	Megan Lambert Cece Krelitz, Quientina Stewart, & Sophitmanee Sukalakamala	Johnson and Wales	1 & 2
10	Dream Big! Using Roger Day's Music to Inspire Your Classroom	Roger Day	Roger Day	1 & 2



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**Workshop offerings** *(The biographical sketch of each presenter immediately follows).*

## **1. Think About What You Just Thought: Thinking Consciously About Race and Class**

***Cleo Scott Brown***

This interactive workshop is designed to help childcare professionals better understand how their personal values impact services, hiring, and student/parent relationships, and how awareness of those values can help you improve your organization.

## **2. Quality Counts: The Importance of Continuous Improvement in Child Care**

***Tammy Compton***

Quality child care doesn't happen overnight and doesn't happen with a "quick fix". Quality child care requires the commitment to work continuously seeking the best for children. Child care centers are not a one size fits all. Each center has unique needs and deserves to have a plan to help meet their needs and capitalize on their strengths. This session will help you understand how quality builds over time and is continuously evolving.

## **3. Books Galore 2017**

***Dina Grant***

This is a fun-filled, hands-on workshop you don't want to miss. Join us to explore new, engaging, interactive books and ways to use them throughout your curriculum. We won't forget to showcase favorite tried and true stories that children love with new ways to incorporate them into your day.

## **4. A School Day in the Life of a Kindergartener**

***Lynn Hayes and Tracy Lee***

This session will provide research based information on ways to prepare five year olds for a successful year in school. You will experience a day in the life of a Kindergartener as you participate in hands-on math lessons, reading center games, and engaging science and social studies activities. Get ready to have fun as you learn through play!

## **5. My Sky Tonight: Engaging Early Learners in Astronomy**

***Carole Holmberg and Angela Purcell***

Bring the excitement of astronomy to your 3-5 year olds. Learn developmentally appropriate strategies and activities about the Sun, the Moon, and space, designed specifically for preschoolers. This workshop takes place at the Museum of York County, just across Museum Road from Dutchman Creek Middle School. We'll also take a peek at the Museum's Tot Town permanent exhibit. (We'll meet at Dutchman Creek Middle School and walk to the Museum together.)



## **6. The SC Early Intervention: Support for Children 0-3 with Developmental Delays and Disabilities**

***Crystal M. Boyd***

This workshop will be an overview of the South Carolina Early Intervention System. This presentation will: a) provide an overview of the early intervention system and services; b) discuss your role as a referral source and how to identify a child with possible developmental delays and disabilities, c) provide helpful guidance to assist families in directing services for children 0-3 years old with developmental disabilities and delays to increase their developmental potential.

## **7. Providing the FEEDBACK That Will Keep Your Parents Coming Back**

***Dr. Norris L. Williams***

From building with blocks to sand castles and beautiful collages, we all know young children love making and creating fun things! How can we extend this learning? How might we make it better? This workshop will explore feedback in the early childhood classroom as a tool to extend the 'experience of learning'. Feedback is no longer viewed as a mark on a paper or a 'great job' remark. It is specific and guides the student to improvement. Research tells us that effective feedback has a big impact on student achievement. This hands-on workshop will provide practical examples and strategies to assist with implementing and documenting feedback in your classroom. Just think...if creative learning can be extended through feedback, what positive effect could feedback have on more structured learning such as reading, writing, math, and life skills? Please join us! You don't want to miss this workshop!

## **8. Developing Language Through Play**

***Patti Myers***

Attendees will learn how to teach and use a concrete approach through play to develop language with young children. You will learn techniques about engaging with young children and using, simple, useful language that matches the actions of play. Attendees will learn meaningful and playful activities that are age appropriate to the social, emotional, and cognitive development levels of young children. You will also learn a "hands on approach" in the learning environment that allows the children to explore language and learn by doing, as well as challenge the child to discover more on his or her own. Attendees will make activities to take home with them.

## **9. Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Snacks – Quick and Healthy Baked Snacks**

***Megan Lambert , Cece Krelitz, Quientina Stewart and Sophitmanee Sukalakamala***

In this workshop, we will be sharing a variety of easy and approachable fruit and vegetable snacks. The focus on our presentation is showing that nutritionally dense snacks can be creative, fun and taste good. They can also be quick and easy to put together. Quick and inexpensive baked and no bake snacks. Focus will be on providing a boost of nutrition as well as flavor.

## **10. Dream Big! Using Roger Day's Music to Inspire Your Classroom**

***Roger Day***

Music is the super power of Early Childhood classes. Need a positive start to the day? Sing a song! Need to introduce an animal unit? Sing a song! Need to focus an energetic group of students? Sing a song! Roger will teach you songs that will help you be more effective teacher in different settings throughout the day. From circle time in the morning to saying good bye at the end of class, Roger has a song that will make it more fun and interesting. (And sneakily educational!) Every participant will receive a link to worksheets and activities that you can use immediately to introduce Roger's music to your classroom and are guaranteed to help you inspire your students to Dream Big!

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**“One hundred years from now  
It will not matter  
What kind of car I drove,  
What kind of house I lived in,  
How much I had in my bank  
Nor what my clothes looked like.  
One hundred years from now  
It will not matter  
What kind of school I attended,  
What kind of typewriter I used,  
How large or small my church,  
But the world may be...  
a little better because...  
I was important in the life of a child.”**  
*Forest Whitcraft*



## Meet Our Presenters!

**Cleo Scott Brown** is an author, workshop leader, and national speaker on race relations and class. Her company, History Matters Institute, specializes in engaging people in meaningful, insightful discussions that lead to introspection, which is necessary for change.

**Tammy Compton** has a Masters in Early Childhood Education from the University of South Carolina. She has worked in the child care field for over 25 years, from owning and operating a child care center to now working at Spartanburg County First Steps. She is currently the Lead Technical Assistance Provider for Quality Counts.

**Dina Grant** has a BA in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Library and Information Science. She has worked for the York County Library for 24 years. Dina is currently Outreach and Bookmobile Services Manager.

**Lynn Hayes** currently works as an ESOL teacher for the Rock Hill Schools. She has a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Education degree from Winthrop University. Mrs. Hayes is certified in the areas of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and as a Reading Teacher. She taught Kindergarten for eight years and First Grade for twenty years.

**Tracy Lee** currently works as a Kindergarten teacher for Rock Hill Schools. She has a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Education degree from Winthrop University. Mrs. Lee is certified in the areas of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and as a Reading Teacher. She is also a National Board Certified teacher in the Early Childhood Generalist area. Mrs. Lee has taught Kindergarten for fourteen years and previously taught First Grade for fourteen years.

**Carole Holmberg** has a BS in Physics. She has taught astronomy and space sciences at museums and planetariums since 1992. She was Director of Physical Sciences at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon, GA and Planetarium Director at Calusa Nature Center in Fort Myers, FL before becoming Planetarium Manager at the Museum of York County in November 2013.

**Angela Purcell** began her interpretive career at historic Brattonsville in 1997 as a volunteer. She later served on the board of the "Friends of Historic Brattonsville", and following her love of animals on the board of Hollow Creek Farm Equine and Canine Rescue. She is now a full time interpretive staff member at the Museum of York County where she combines her love of history, animals and teaching.

**Crystal M. Boyd** is the BabyNet single point of entry supervisor with SC First steps BabyNet program for York, Chester, and Lancaster counties. She has a bachelor's of science degree in Psychology and a minor in Political Science from Winthrop University. She also holds a SC Part C Infant and Toddler credential. Crystal has 16 years of experience serving in several roles with the Early Intervention system. Before working with infant and toddlers, she worked as a residential counselor for teens and adults with disabilities and special needs. Crystal identifies and assesses children and families from birth to age three for developmental delays and disabilities and helps connect them to services that can increase their child's development potential.

**Dr. Norris L. Williams** is a positive advocate for education! He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education from South Carolina State University. He completed his Masters of Education degree in Middle Level Education with a focus in reading and science from Winthrop University. Dr. Williams also has an Educational specialist's degree from Converse College in Educational Leadership and Supervision. Additionally, he has a Doctorate of Education from Gardner-Webb University in Educational Leadership. He has worked at India Hook Elementary School, Saluda Trail Middle School, Castle Heights Middle School and is currently Principal of Dutchman Creek Middle School. Dr. Williams is married to Serena Williams and they have two sons, Norris (12) and Noble (6). They love spending time as a family and going on Disney cruises!

**Patti Myers** has a MS in Special Education. She has taught special education in the Clover School District for 32 years. She spent 16 years teaching in a preschool disabilities classroom. She has also been an adjunct faculty member at York Technical College in Rock Hill for 13 years where she teaches elementary and special education classes.

**Megan Lambert** is a Registered Dietitian and has a MS in Nutrition. She has been teaching at Johnson & Wales University for 13 years and currently teaches Intro to Nutrition. She is enthusiastic about teaching children to garden and cook healthy food so they can be inspired and empowered learners.

**Cece Krelitz** has been teaching at Johnson & Wales University for 6 years. She has a BS from UNLV in Hotel Administration. She teaches both culinary and baking and pastry students the fundamentals of baking and pastry and a variety of other classes. She has dealt with obesity in her life and is passionate about teaching anyone how to enjoy food and make it healthier.

**Quientina Stewart** is a Chef Instructor in the Culinary Arts Department at Johnson & Wales University. She volunteer cooked at a family shelter in Rockville, MD for three years and focused on balanced meals that children would enjoy. Quientina is a Chef Instructor at Johnson & Wales University.

**Sophitmanee Sukalakamala** joined the faculty of Johnson & Wales University in the fall of 2013. She earned a Ph.D. in Hospitality Administration and a master's degree in Food & Nutrition from Texas Tech University (TTU) and a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Kasetsart University (KU) in Bangkok, Thailand. Before coming to JWU, Sukalakamala taught in the Management, Marketing and Hospitality Department at Southern Utah University and was a post doctorate fellow in the Apparel, Events and Hospitality Management Department at Iowa State University. Her research and publication focus on food consumption behavior.



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**Directions to Dutchmen Creek Middle School**  
**4757 Mount Gallant Road**  
**Rock Hill, SC 29732**

From Charlotte, NC or Fort Mill, SC: Total Est. Distance: 27 miles

- Take I-77 South to Rock Hill, SC
- Take the SC-161 W exit, EXIT 82C toward York
- Turn Slight right onto Celanese Rd/SC-161. Continue on Celanese Rd.
- Turn right onto Mount Gallant Rd. (beside the Walgreen's)
- Go 5.6 miles—turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot.

From Columbia, SC or Chester, SC: Total Est. Distance: 79 miles

- Take I-77 North to Rock Hill, SC—
- Take the SC-161 exit, 82C toward York—
- Turn Slight right onto Celanese Rd/SC-161. Continue on Celanese Rd.
- Turn right onto Mount Gallant Rd. (beside the Walgreen's)
- Go 5.6 miles—turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot.

From Clover, SC: Total Est. Distance: 19 miles

- Take Hwy 55 toward Hwy 271
- Turn right onto Hwy 271 (Hands Mill Road)
- Turn right onto Mount Gallant Road
- Turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot (right before York County Museum)

From Lancaster, SC: Total Est. Distance: 27 miles

- Take US 521-N toward Rock Hill/Charlotte
- Merge onto SC-5 via the ramp on the left toward Catawba/Rock Hill
- Merge onto US-21 N/Anderson Rd. S/SC-5
- Take Hwy-72 Bypass to the right pass York Technical College
- Turn left onto Mount Gallant Road (as soon as pass Rock Hill School District 3)
- Continue on Mount Gallant 6 miles—turn left into Dutchmen Creek's parking lot





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